

# Internet access available, but denied to students

By Heather Milburn Graham

Wayne Hewitt, system manager of computer services, says the reason students do not have Internet access to computers at the college is because of a lack of unique user-identification codes.

"We have a contract with O-NET, the company providing the system to the college, that states we must be able to track all unique user-identification codes," said Hewitt. This means making two people responsible for issuing and maintaining approximately 4,300 full-time and 30,000 part-time student accounts, he said.

He indicated it would also mean the removal of the generic user-

identification system currently being used by students to log on to the college's computers.

According to Hewitt, an Internet line was installed at the college over a year ago for the purpose of processing applications. He confirmed that access to the Internet is available, through Windows, on all 486K computers in the college.

Hewitt said it's a matter of switching access on or off to the labs, as they do for a continuing education class called practical user's guide to the Internet.

Unique user-identification codes, he said, are issued to students and then erased after the 10-week program is finished.

Gavin FitzPatrick, DSA execu-

tive, said Internet access is important to students as a vehicle for research and to prepare them for jobs outside the college.

"It is the non-linearity of the Internet that is the attraction for students," said Fitzpatrick. "There is something for everyone on the system."

Brent Clements, chair of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) student branch, in the McNaughton Centre, said he believes the reason students don't have access is because of money and time-labor factors. Although, he said it is his understanding that students receive free access to World Wide Web, which is the most advanced level of the Internet

services. The other levels are E-mail and Gopher services.

He said members of IEEE have Internet access through a private company called Sentex Communications. "Students in electrical, electronic, computer programming or other allied fields need access to the Internet," Clement said. "We have funded it through our own resources and we charge a small user fee for members of IEEE to use the service."

Hewitt said the system is available to all faculty members and to the Learning Resource Centre.

Cathy Potvin, a Learning Resource Centre staff member, confirmed that the centre has access to the system on two computers.

She said the computers are capable of running a DOS based Internet-Gopher program, which is a text-based information retrieval system.

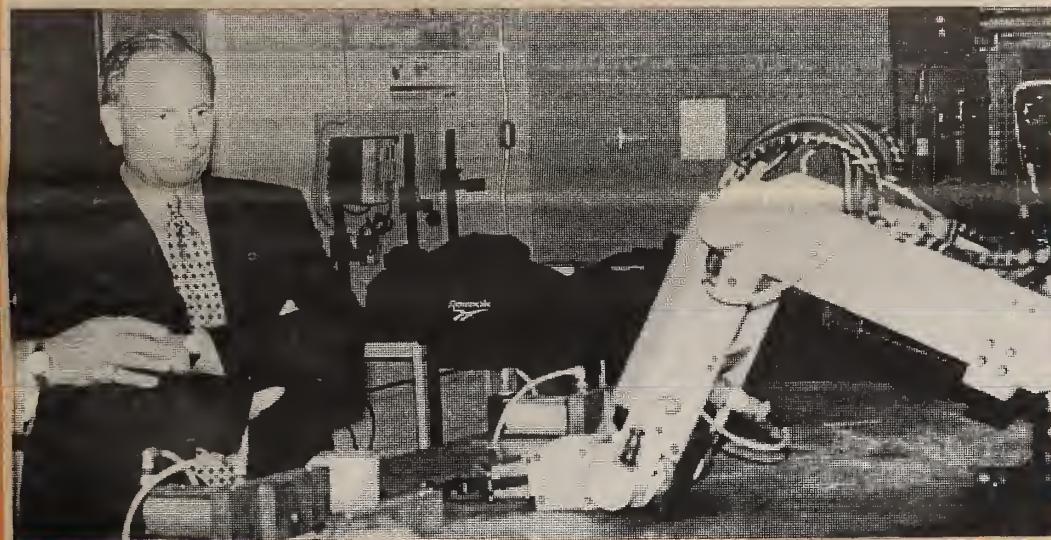
"A lot of students have heard of the system and want to try it," said Potvin. "However, I'm not sure if it lives up to their expectations."

Potvin said she would like to see an upgrade to the current system, which has many limitations.

The centre's computers, she added, could eventually lose access to information as other systems move toward World Wide Web programs.

Hewitt said he is working toward having access by next September, but there are no guarantees.

## The arm of education



The provincial minister of education and training, John Snobelen, toured Conestoga Doon Campus on Tuesday, Jan 16. Snobelen was visiting training facilities. (Photo by Perry Hagerman)

## This week in the news

### Upcoming job fair

Conestoga graduates have a unique chance to see what employers have to offer them and what they have to offer prospective employers. Dress up, bring lots and lots of paper, pens, smiles and handshakes. It could be your day.

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### Student survey likely to end next year

A Conestoga College student survey, which has been conducted since 1986 by student services, will likely be discontinued next year because of the recent budget restraints.

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### Training and development busy updating

Conestoga College's training and development department is continuing to be successful thanks to the high demand for knowledge about up-to-date computer equipment.

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There has been some criticism regarding the statistics of violence against women in the press the past few years. Jack Fletcher, chair of the Date-Acquaintance Rape Awareness Committee answers some of those criticisms.

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Things are piling up in the security office as students seem to neither want nor care about their misplaced belongings.

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### Man of many voices entertains

Gary McGill, the man of many voices, captivated students in the Santuary while he sang numerous songs from various performers. His renditions of popular songs added a comedic punch for the lunch time crowd.

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### A feast for the ears as well as the eyes

Farinelli, now on video, is the story of a 17th century operatic singer. But it is the music and the sounds and sights which will sweep the viewer off the couch to crash on the floor.

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# Bomb threat case closed

By Samantha Craggs

The student responsible for the Nov. 29, 1995 bomb threat has been caught, and the case has been closed by police, said Staff Sgt. Michael Cook of Waterloo regional police.

"It has been solved and resolved and there were no charges laid," Cook said in an interview. "The disciplinary measures have been left up to the college."

On Nov. 29, 1995, a male caller phoned Conestoga College's security office around 11 a.m. and said a bomb was set to detonate at 1 p.m. The school was evacuated and an emergency response team was called in.

Cook said the officer in charge of the investigation, Const. Tom Granton, interviewed the caller at his residence and felt the case could be handled by the college. No formal charges were laid and the case was closed Dec. 20, 1995.

"The discipline he will get from the college is probably worse than

anything the courts would give him," Cook said.

Cook said the caller could have been charged with mischief, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison or uttering death threats, which carries a maximum penalty of eight years.

He said college security conducted the investigation and called Waterloo regional police with the information.

"It was easy, with the information we had, to track down information and identify who was involved," Cook said.

Conestoga registrar Fred Harris said in an interview that no decision has been made regarding the punishment the student will receive. He said recommendations will be given to senior administration by early this week.

Rodeway Suites manager Paul Holowaty said, in light of rumors that the bomb threat resulted from a phone call from the residence, that he has not been contacted by police. He said, however, if the call did his

staff would co-operate fully with the police.

He said every phone call made from the residence, even internal calls, are recorded on a computer system.

The system allows the user to call up a certain date, phone number or room, and the system displays all calls made. He said the system is able to keep a seven-year archive of all calls made.

Holowaty said the police have not contacted him regarding their findings in the investigation.

He said if the call came from the residence, he is not worried about it damaging the reputation of the residence and the people who live there.

"There are always a few bad eggs," Holowaty said.

He said the call was probably made by a disgruntled student looking for a way out of a bad situation.

If the call came from the residence, he said he would not be worried about it happening again because it is so easy to track calls.

# CAMPUS NEWS

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## News Briefs

### Ski for less

- Chicopee ski hill is offering a special deal for students this season. Students get to ski for half of the regular price on Thursdays. Regular price is \$25 for a full day of skiing. Come equipped with warm gloves and your student's card.

### Project Warm auction

- On Wednesday, Jan. 31, there will be an auction and exchange of mittens, scarves, boots, etc. from 11:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m. Items can be bought and traded using "auction funny money." The auction will be held in the main cafeteria and proceeds will go to Conestoga students in need and the Salvation Army.

### Groovin' with the DSA

- The Doon Student Association is holding a "Warm-up '96" nooner featuring the Groove Daddys, a band that is ready to rock Conestoga with its combination of funk, jazz and rock. The nooner is Tuesday, Jan. 30 in the Sanctuary at noon.

### An alternative lunch break

- The DSA features Rhythm Garden Feb. 2 at noon in the Sanctuary. Rhythm Garden uses techniques like hand-drumming to create an "alternative ambient world beat."

### DSA nominations begin

- The DSA are holding their 1996/97 elections and are welcoming nominations for these categories: president, vice president of operations and vice president of student affairs. The nominations are open from Monday, Jan. 22 at 9 a.m. until Thursday, Feb. 8 at noon.

### Polar Plunge underway

- Do you dare plunge into the icy waters of the Doon campus? Sign-up forms and pledge sheets are available at the DSA office for the annual polar plunge, held on Thursday, Feb. 1 at noon. Entrants must have a minimum \$5 pledge to enter. Sign ups end January 29, and proceeds from the plunge go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

## Deep fried



Karen Heinmiller prepares french fries for the lunch time crowd at Conestoga's sports bar, the Roost. Heinmiller is using the Roost's new fry-making machine.

(Photo by Linda Yovanovich)

## Helpful student services survey threatened by financial difficulties

By Jeannette Cantin

Financial restraints may mean the end to a yearly student survey organized by Jack Fletcher, Conestoga's chair of student services.

Fletcher, who has already diminished the scope of the survey to accommodate dwindling college funds, said in an interview it is likely the September 1995 survey will be the last. At least, he added, until things improve financially.

Initially the survey (informally called the pink survey due to its color) was used as a method of compiling and comparing demographic and attitudinal information on students entering the college.

A follow-up survey was conducted which allowed a comparison of such things as expectation and preparation in relation to academic outcome. The information was also compared with data from previous years, the collection of which began in 1986.

Fletcher said the analysis of the

data provided insight into the study and behavior patterns most likely to lead to success. Therefore, Fletcher said, student services counsellors knew which students might require extra effort to keep on track.

When budget crunches first hit, the survey follow-up was discontinued because it took hours of research.

Data was still collected and analysed in the hopes of one day continuing the follow-up, Fletcher said.

In the past two years the survey has become smaller — 12 questions instead of 41 — and focuses on attitudes and expectations. Students receive the survey after completion of the first semester instead of when registering.

The survey asks questions about areas such as time spent doing homework, involvement in school activities, program satisfaction and course difficulty.

As well, students are asked to rate services and activities, including

campus safety and the quality and cost of food in the cafeteria.

"It is valuable information," Fletcher said. He sends a copy of the results to every department chair, dean and service area. He said he encourages the involvement of program co-ordinators, because "the information becomes most powerful at the program level."

Fletcher said the formal information can be compared with the instructor's classroom experience to institute effective program changes. Unfortunately, he said, the information is not always utilized and that is why the survey will likely be dropped next year.

Fletcher remains optimistic the value of the survey will be recognized once it is no longer available. "People take (the surveys) for granted."

As well, he said he believes future access to better, more powerful computers will be the key to simpler and more efficient data collection and analysis.

## Women's safety grant escapes long arm of Conservative government cut-backs

By Barbara Walden

The sharp knife of the provincial Progressive Conservatives has not entirely sliced the grant colleges receive from the Ministry of Education and Training for women's safety on campus.

Conestoga College is slated to receive a \$26,138 grant this year from the ministry to continue with safety programs instituted at the Doon campus.

The first safety grant was received in 1991.

Kim Radigan, the college's health, safety and environment co-ordinator, said Conestoga College received about \$30,000 in each of the past five years from the Campus Safety for Women grant.

"We certainly didn't expect to receive it (the grant) this year because of the provincial cut-backs," said Radigan. "This is great."

In the past, the grant has been used to improve lighting in the parking lots, install security mirrors throughout the main campus building at Doon and trim bushes for better visibility.

More recently, a portion of the grant was used to create the Women's Resource Centre which opened this past September in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at the Doon campus.

Radigan said a portion of the grant was used last year to produce a pamphlet entitled: *Your Guide to Personal Safety and Security*. The pamphlet has been distributed

throughout the college. She said she also plans to include the brochure with the package each student receives when he or she attends registration at Conestoga College next fall.

A committee of representatives drawn from the college's human resources, finance and physical resources departments, as well as the Doon Student Association (DSA) and the women's advisory committee, will meet to decide how the grant will be spent.

In other years, Radigan said, the province asked for a proposal that required approval before the money could be spent.

The province now only requires Conestoga College to continue with previous initiatives.

## Job Fair '96 offers employment opportunities

By Tara Brown

Conestoga students may have opportunities to do business with prospective employers at a job fair on Feb. 7 at Kitchener's Bingeman Park.

This year's fair is the fourth to be sponsored jointly by Conestoga College, the University of Waterloo, the University of Guelph and Wilfrid Laurier University.

Employers who have positions available for summer work, part-time work and full-time work will be represented.

Laurie Doersam, one of the organizers from Conestoga, said it provides a good opportunity for students to go and see what is available to them in their chosen field. According to Doersam, approximately 50 Conestoga graduates have found work through past fairs.

Mary Wright, another of the college organizers, said despite the heavy presence of the three big area

universities, she expects Conestoga students to do well. "It's one-stop shopping for those employers who do use the service."

Interviews have been conducted on the spot by interested employers, she said.

Conducting the fair in conjunction with the universities makes sense, Wright said. "It wasn't fruitful doing it on our own. No employers would come out because no one was hiring."

In past years, business opportunities have been prevalent, although technological positions have also been available. "We have seen a real increase in technical and business opportunities."

There can be some overlap between occupations, Wright said. Things like business and computer skills quite often go together.

All students are therefore encouraged to take part in the fair.

One of the criteria for those employers wishing to rent a booth at

the fair, is they must have positions either currently available or coming up within the next six months, said Wright. "Each institution brings a list of employers names they think might be interested in sponsoring a booth. About 60 to 75 employers are represented." This preliminary work was done in November by the sponsoring schools.

Occasionally, employers will come onto the campus to do some recruitment, Wright said. People have obtained positions this way in the past.

The fair is still a good option for students seeking work, however. "It's a good chance to find out what employers want," she said. "Being prepared is half the battle."

Buses will be leaving from Conestoga throughout the day heading for Bingeman Park.

Transportation will be free.

For more information, please contact Wright at the college alumni office.

## CAMPUS NEWS

# CBSA anticipating coming elections

By Pat Moules

Attention business students.

If you are looking to improve your communication skills, get involved in school activities and meet other students from your program in a social setting, the Conestoga Business Students' Association (CBSA) may have an executive position for you.

The CBSA is holding a secret-ballot election on Thursday, Jan. 25 to establish the 1996-97 executive.

The positions available are president, vice-president, promotions co-ordinator, treasurer, and communications co-ordinator.

CBSA treasurer Darrell Villemaire said last year there was an election for every position on the executive, and said that he hopes for the same amount of interest this year.

However, he admitted the CBSA really doesn't know how many nomination forms it will receive.

"Two or three students expressed an interest at the last meeting, but it's really hard to gauge," he said.

Executive positions are available to any student registered in a business program, Villemaire said.

He said candidates should remember that the election process will include a brief speech and anyone voted to the executive will be required to hold one hour of scheduled office time per week.

Villemaire said his position as treasurer helped him gain valuable experience in bookkeeping, speaking skills, strengthening team skills, getting proper career-oriented training.

ing and setting goals.

Villemaire said his experience as treasurer has been a really good experience, and really helped with his networking abilities.

The duties of the president include being the chair for weekly and executive meetings, acting as a liaison with other organizations within the college and co-ordinating CBSA special events.

The vice-president is responsible for co-ordinating all committees, assisting the president and being the chair for meetings in the absence of the president.

Co-ordinating all special events and fundraising by the CBSA and overseeing advertising and event promotion is the job description for the promotions co-ordinator.

The treasurer is to conduct all banking for the CBSA, prepare all budgets, record all sales information and assist in fundraising.

The job description for the communications co-ordinator includes preparing minutes of all executive and representative meetings, overseeing the computer lab committee and recording attendance at all executive meetings.

In other CBSA news, the almond-selling campaign is nearing the end of its course.

According to Villemaire, business students have raised \$27,587 over the course of the campaign. He also said that 90 per cent of the money has been collected, with \$3,701 outstanding.

The next CBSA meeting is Thursday, Jan. 18 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in room 2D01.

## Winter enrolment right on the mark

By Amy Wroblewski

Early figures show registration for 1996 winter courses is right on the mark according to Janeen Hoover, associate registrar.

There are currently 7,985 students registered for 1996 winter part-time courses.

Hoover said this number will grow because enrolment will continue to climb in the next couple of weeks. This is due to the fact that 285 courses are yet to start, which they are still accepting applications for.

"We are definitely encouraging full-time students to register in these courses," said Hoover in an interview.

There are also a number of late start classes which will begin after the semester starts that will also add to the total, said Hoover.

According to Hoover, winter 1995 had the highest number of enrolments with 9,616 students registering in part-time courses.

Hoover said if this year's trend holds, they should match last year's record.

"Last week was really busy."

It's been a mad house in here," she said.

Hoover said other colleges and secondary schools have been cutting down on the number of part-time courses they offer because of funding cuts. She added that students from other schools are enrolling in Conestoga's part-time programs.

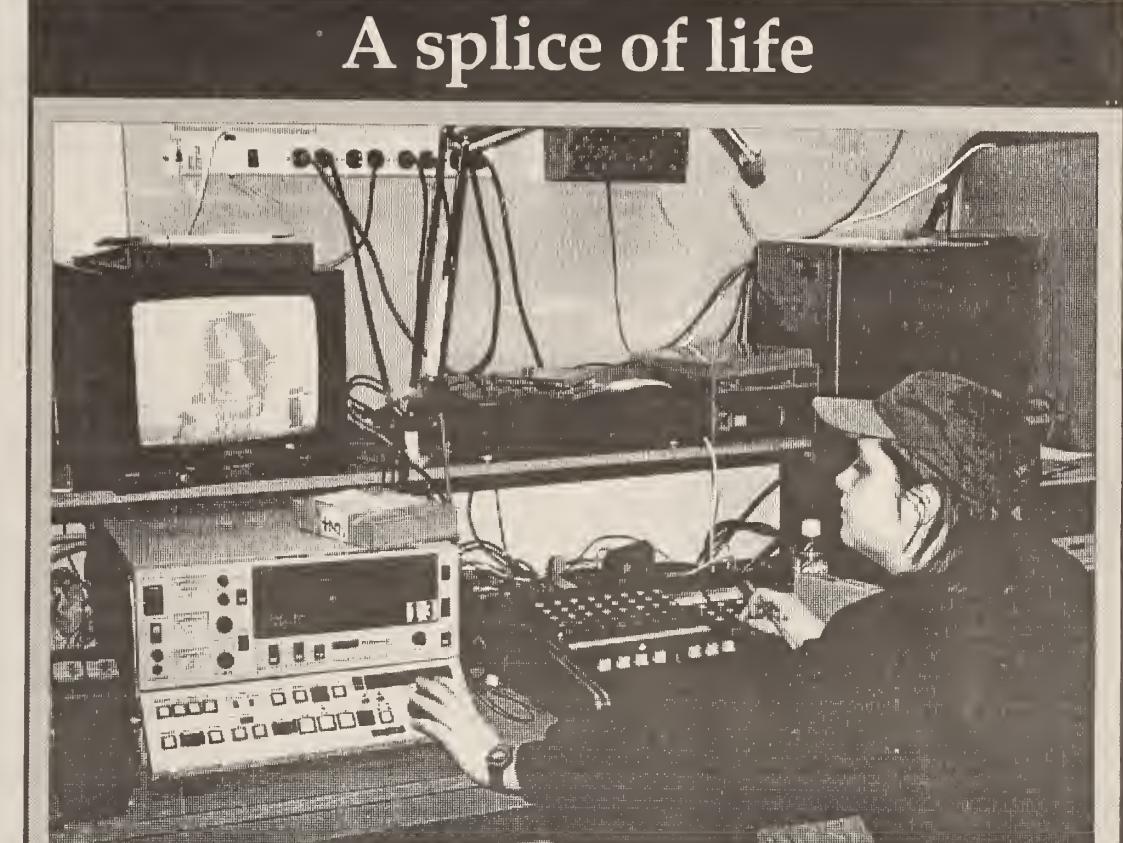
"Other college's enrolment numbers have dropped," she said. "We keep waiting for it to happen but so far it hasn't."

Hoover attributes Conestoga's success to better planning by the academic chairs.

"We're optimistic. We try not to turn people away."

Hoover said they are trying to satisfy the client need by calling people on the waiting lists as soon as an opening is available. They are also starting up other sections to handle the number of students.

According to Hoover, some of the more popular programs accepting enrolments are CPR and health workshops, general interest courses, business/management, real estate, bartending and stress management.



## A splice of life

Amy Richardson, a third-year broadcast, radio and television student, edits portions of a monthly TV show the BRT students put together for Rogers Cable. The show is called I.T. — Innovative Television.

(Photo by Linda Yovanovich)

## 'Junk mail' may be tax credits

By Robert Klager

As the time to begin thinking about income tax returns quickly approaches, the office of the registrar is preparing documents for students' filing purposes.

Betty Martin, associate registrar for financial aid and records, said in an interview, Canada Post, on behalf of Conestoga College, will begin mailing Revenue Canada T2202 and Education Deduction Certificates via electronic mail in late February.

Quite often people equate electronic mail with junk mail, but this "junk mail" could be worth hundreds of dollars in tax credits.

"What a lot of students don't realize is that they're eligible for a tax credit amount for every month they're enrolled as a full-time student," said Martin (first-year students may not have awards forthcoming).

Last year's credit was \$80 per school month.

Martin said in these economic times students should be taking advantage of the education credit, as well as claiming tuition fees.

Any credits beyond those bringing a student to a zero-taxable level may be transferred to parents or spouses, so the benefits are important, even if students can't use the credit themselves.

"We found that last year a lot of students thought they'd received junk mail and were just throwing the forms out when they arrived," she said.

"People should be keeping their eyes open for them."

The office of the registrar is concerned however, that students' proper mailing addresses are on file.

Martin said the office will begin transmitting the information it has in mid-February, so those students with a change of address should

inform the office immediately by filling out a Personal Data Information Change form.

"The sooner students ensure we have their proper addresses, the more helpful it would be," said Martin.

More financial help will be on the way for some students at the end of February as bursary awards are announced.

The registrar has received approximately 100 applications for bursaries this year, the highest in the last three years.

Applications are considered based on a student's financial needs.

And the need is there; nearly 700 loan documents were distributed to students in the first week of this semester alone.

## How may I help you?



Leisa Cronberry, who works in the liaison department, will be busy for the next few months, as the department is flooded with calls for course deadline information.

(Photo by Jason Seads)

# OutSPOKEn Opinions



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## Moral dilemmas don't belong in the classroom

Morality is an issue most people deal with everyday. To know what is moral or immoral is to say you are God. The differences between right and wrong vary from person to person but in the case of Gerald Hannon, part-time journalism teacher at Ryerson Polytechnic University and part-time prostitute, everyone seems to have an opinion about his behavior.

Granted, everyone has the right to free speech — it is guaranteed in the constitution — but people must be wondering "when have we crossed the line?"

Jennifer Mondoux, a student at Ryerson, wrote in the Ryersonian (the university newspaper) that students and faculty were split regarding Hannon's suspension.

Hannon has admitted his views on pedophilia and his part-time job as a prostitute, but has he thought about his students, the young and eager minds that he is educating?

Many students in his journalism class waited anxiously for his return. Marni Weisz was quoted in the Ryersonian regarding her class's wishes to finish their feature pieces with only Hannon. Such sentiments should be framed and mounted in his living room; maybe then he will think twice about promoting his views about the oldest profession.

His opinions on pedophilia even astounded some of the more unscrupulous minds. Has he forgotten that it is a criminal offence and the minds of students are impressionable?

Although all people like to voice their opinion (some are even verbose) society states that a code of ethics and morality be maintained. Danica Riley, a first-year undergraduate in the journalism program at Ryerson, wrote to the Ryersonian to express her belief, because she felt she was the only student who supported Hannon's suspension. Riley said she believes in free speech and the right to one's own opinion, even in regards to pedophilia, but simply put, prostitution was wrong.

In a world where all you have to do is drive downtown to see a prostitute, you would think the taboo subject of adults having sex with children would be the shocker.

However, we are not here to judge, we are here to listen and think for ourselves. All people at one time or another want to vocalize how they feel or what they believe, but the platform on which they express their views should be considered.

It is acknowledged that these students are adults and can make up their own minds about Hannon. But if he feels free to express these opinions to the newest adults of this generation, then what is to stop him from cornering young children or adolescents and telling them what he believes to be right?

Although Hannon has luck on his side, his views will linger with educators and students for some time. Everyone has the right to express an opinion, but they should consider how their opinions will influence those who are listening and hopefully think twice before promoting a lifestyle which so obviously goes against the grain of society.

We are suppose to move forwards not backwards.

Just a thought



By Robert Klager

## The future looks bleak for cynics

Cynicism is overrated.

In all its fashionable "glory", it creates too many victims and too few victors. Victory is a result of competition. You can't win if you don't play, and cynics just don't play.

Cynicism is depressing, destructive and deceptive, yet people continue to buy into it, resigning themselves to accepting residence in the winter of society's discontent. They subscribe to a life that glares at each morning with sighs of doubt and defeat.

But the market for such a lifestyle has peaked. It has long been saturated by the discontented and the victims. Oh yes, the victims — the undeserving recipients of life's endless "hard-done-byisms" and slights.

Even the most idealistic person mustn't ignore the genuine problems in society. Their existence is real, and each of us is obliged to work for solutions. Cynics merely get in the way.

When a bank line spawns belligerent outbursts from a self-prized customer 20 people ahead of the last person, those in bread lines are insulted. When a Saturday-night drunk breathes pure hatred for the "establishment" in the nearest person's face, the responsible citizen is sobered. When a student who doesn't give a damn thinks answers come before learning, the struggling and ambitious are disheartened.

And when the self-righteous wallow in mires of special interests denied, their first instincts are to feel victimized. When these pseudo-victims are held up to the light of those truly in need, distinct pictures of our society begin to develop.

Telling them things could be worse, simply wouldn't cut through their bitterness. And damning them would be too much like playing their game. However, if society would surround these cynics with optimism, they'd have no choice.

If it's true that people become products of their environment, maybe it's time for a change. We can't confront what lies ahead unless cynics are offered a new perspective.

Maybe it's time to be different by genuinely smiling at someone or even saying hello. We should resolve to make "special interest" mean a special interest in other people and their lives, not a vehicle for hidden agendas.

More of us should approach situations objectively. People are often too resistant to learning something new or accepting different views.

We should build a desire for purpose, not simple existence. You get somewhere a lot faster if you know where it is. We should be thankful for the things we have and vigilant in helping others find situations by which they'll feel thanks.

Most importantly, we should focus our efforts on the real victims and not on the cynical notion that the world owes us. When you're looking for it, it's a payment that will never arrive.

It's not easy to be positive, but it's infinitely harder when you view life through jaded eyes. We can be careful without being cynical, and optimistic without being ridiculous.

For a lot of us, it's a tall order. But the future looks even worse for pessimists. Just ask them. They'll tell you.

Conestoga Corner

By Patrick Moore

## Rodeway Suites set for another fun term

What's up at Rodeway Suites for the winter term? Lots.

Kim McNeely, Rodeway's social co-ordinator, said the winter term will include bus trips, paint ball games, floor wars and a winter carnival.

"The winter carnival will have students from different floors competing against each other," she said. "It's all just to have fun."

McNeely said she hopes the students will enjoy the carnival because a lot of work will have gone into it. Since paint ball games were so popular last year, there is a good chance they will be repeated sometime around February.

There will also be a few bus trips, McNeely said, including one to Hamilton. There will be a party for all Rodeway residents within the next few weeks. These parties are always popular, she said.

Paul Holowaty, Rodeway's manager, said almost any idea for the residents to have fun is fine with him.

"Obviously, I wouldn't accept anything like a drinking contest," he said. "The students probably have them on their own, but I'm not about to officially sanction them. I don't think students' parents would appreciate that."

Holowaty said, "When the events start to centre around just drinking, I tend to start saying no to them because, believe it or not, there are some non-drinkers in this building. They deserve some activities as well. Some students actually come to college to study."

Holowaty said students also come to college in part for the social life. "We're trying to balance the two," he said. The floor wars are a good way for students on different floors that would not normally meet to interact with each other.

"Kim (McNeely) really has some great stuff planned." The unfortunate side-effects of these activities, he said, can sometimes be vandalism. Instances of vandalism have been drastically reduced with the addition of night-time security officer, Calvin Smith.

Holowaty said part of Smith's job is to patrol the hallways and make sure there is no unauthorized drinking. "All we're trying to do is get the residents to respect each other. That's the hardest thing we have to do. Their happiness is very important to me."

"We want this to be a fun place, but also a productive place. But I'm not going to sit here and preach about life. It's going to be a fun term," he added.

*Got a beef? Drop off a letter at the Spoke office.*

# TAKING SIDES

## Are public transit buses safe?

### Transit a safe, valuable service

By Samantha Craggs



Every once in awhile an incident occurs and it makes us doubt the safety of the organization or piece of merchandise involved. Remember a few years ago when the media proclaimed microwaves caused cancer? My mother used to make me run to the other side of the kitchen when she opened the microwave door.

Lately, people have been wary of buses and this is unjustified.

Kitchener Transit is the system I am focusing on because it affects everyone at the college in one way or another, even if it only means trusting the bus not to run you over as you walk to your car. I have overheard many people questioning the safety of Kitchener Transit, but on a personal level only once have I feared for my safety while riding the bus and that was when I was seated next to a raving mad man repeatedly counting his change.

Consider this: in 1995, Kitchener Transit gave 10,675,000 rides to Kitchener residents and only six people were injured in bus related incidents. These incidents included slipping in the stairwell when getting off the bus, falling in the aisle and falling out of their seat. If you ride the bus, your chances of getting hurt are literally one in a million.

Dave Heubach, manager of safety at Kitchener Transit, said in all cases of injury the person is taken to the nearest hospital by a transit supervisor.

Bruce Boshart, a vehicle and equipment training specialist who works in the safety division of Kitchener Transit, said in an interview that all prospective bus drivers must come prepared with a class C licence when applying for a job.

From there, applicants take a general road test to prove they can properly handle a vehicle, then a written test to prove their knowledge. If after these tests the applicant is offered a job, he or she must undertake a 15-day training program.

The training program focuses heavily on public relations and defensive driving. They are also shown videos on safety and smooth operation of the vehicle.

If the driver's test marks are satisfactory, he or she is put on a probation period, during which trainers will show up unexpectedly during a shift to evaluate the driver's performance. Existing drivers periodically undergo defensive driving courses like the Easy Access and Ambassador courses.

Boshart said each bus is equipped with fire exits and fire extinguishers, which are mandatory under the Public Vehicle Act.

Each bus has handrails, controlled doors, mirrors on all sides and a driver trained in first aid. I rode the Route 10 bus to Fairview mall to check these things and it was true.

Riding the bus is one of the safest ways of travelling.

# YES

### campus comments



**"Yes. Drivers are cautious. Even if they're late they don't get in trouble like Brantford."**

**Mark Windle**  
Second-year computer programming analyst



**"No. Drivers are psycho. They run red lights and speed. Every last one of them."**

**Ted Moore**  
Second-year nursing



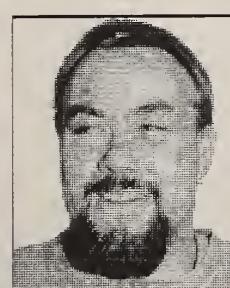
**"No. Buses are full of people sitting and standing. There are no seatbelts and the floors are slippery."**

**Corrine Frenette**  
Second-year accounting



**"Not bad, except that when people are standing it's dangerous if there's a fender-bender."**

**Rob Wentzell**  
Second-year accounting



**"How can anything moving that slowly be unsafe?"**

**Gavin FitzPatrick**  
Second-year marketing



**"Yes, but it depends on the weather."**

**Mona Gandhi**  
First-year marketing

Do you have any topical questions you want straight-forward answers to? Send them to the editor or staff in Room 4B15, or call SPOKE at 748-5366.

### Buses a menace to the road

By Pat Moules



Imagine, if you will, standing disgustingly close to an unsightly member of the opposite sex, suffocating by the smell of his or her body odor and then struggling vainly to keep your balance as the vehicle in which you share screeches to a sudden and sliding stop.

Does this scenario sound familiar? If you've paid \$1.40 for public transit lately, then it probably does?

Not only are the buses overcrowded, but they wreak havoc on the roads for other drivers. The slow-moving beasts make frequent stops along busy streets, backing up traffic to Timbuktu. (If you've ever followed the express bus down Homer Watson Boulevard in the morning, you know what I mean.)

As well, getting off the bus is an adventure in itself. I can't count the number of times I've had the driver close the side doors on me before I was all the way out.

I think a little more patience may be in order. Even the simple courtesy of making sure the person is safely outside the bus before pulling away from the curb would be appreciated. This would also decrease the chance of an accident occurring and improve the public's perception of transit buses.

This simple courtesy would have saved the life of Aisha Baig, an elementary school student that was run over by a Kitchener Transit bus on Jan. 27, 1994. It is this sort of incident that bus drivers and officials have to try to avoid, and heal the wounds that it may cause.

Jim Hunt of the Waterloo Region separate school board transportation centre said there are very few reported cases of bus mishaps in this region.

"Whenever an accident occurs, there is an automatic investigation," Hunt said. "There is a drop-everything approach and a full inquest is held."

But drivers still seem to have a lack of respect for their riders. Often, they seem to make you wait outside in the cold for them while they have a smoke or coffee break and then they race around town because they are behind schedule.

Public transit buses are unsafe because of some of the drivers that sit behind the wheel. These people hold the lives of so many individuals in their hands every day that you would think they'd be a little more courteous, careful and patient about their job.

Drivers are not the only ones to blame. Transit riders often create their own misfortune by waiting until the last possible second before ringing the bell to get off at a stop. The driver is forced to slam on the brakes and send the bus to a jarring stop.

The sudden stops and starts may pose a problem for people standing in the aisles. Sometimes, the bus pulls away from the curb before some of the riders may have even sat down.

If they have poor balance they may topple over in the aisle because of the sudden movement. This can cause serious injury.

The next time you feel the urge to step on a bus, heed my warning and take a cab.

# NO

## CAMPUS NEWS

## Agency needs volunteers

By Tara Brown

The Volunteer Action Centre (VAC) has sent out an urgent request for more volunteers to staff local charities.

In a recent news release, the VAC said that "the last few months have produced a changed landscape," which requires more support from local volunteers to keep community services viable. With the provincial cutbacks to charities, local agencies will lose 12 per cent of their revenue just at the time, they fear, when area residents will need them the most.

Although they have built up "a diversified base of funding support", the loss of the provincial grants, as well as the cuts that municipal governments will be making in light of their own funding loss, the VAC is looking for volunteers to help take up the slack.

The VAC is "committed to promoting volunteerism, recruiting

volunteers and providing the infrastructure for them to do the best job they can."

It is also a member agency of the Kitchener-Waterloo branch of the United Way.

In order to make the most effective use possible of a volunteer, the VAC matches volunteers with positions in local charities.

Some of the various positions available include accounting, arts and crafts, befriending, computers, public relations, research, shopping, and therapy and counselling.

Students who are pursuing corresponding programs might be interested in some volunteer work with the VAC.

It's a good way to get some time under your belt to show prospective employers.

Pam Seebach, one of the employment advisers in the Alumni/Co-op/Employment office at Conestoga's Doon campus, said volunteer work is still highly re-

garded by employers.

"It's not a requirement unless you're in the social services," she said, "but any experience you can get is good. It's a nice bonus."

For people interested in becoming volunteers, there is an upcoming volunteer fair at Market Square mall in Kitchener.

It runs on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Approximately 12 to 15 of the agencies VAC represents will be present.

In keeping with their mandate to provide the best possible training for volunteers, the VAC is offering several volunteer management workshops this winter.

Orientation and training will be offered on Jan. 11, Motivation and Recognition on Feb. 7 and Volunteer/Staff/Client relationships on March 5.

For more information on the VAC, their services, the volunteer fair and how you can help, please call Reva Cooper at 742-0559.

## Petition grows



Darius Jozwiak, a second-year marketing student, adds his name to the growing list of names on the bus pass petition located outside of Dooners.

(Photo by Jeannette Cantin)

## Blue box business

## Recycling not a load of garbage to students

By J.C. White

The blue recycling bins in the corridors at Conestoga seem to have more of a purpose to most students than a quick place to throw chewing gum on the way to class, according to Dan Stark, manager of housekeeping services.

Stark said students at Conestoga campuses really do make an effort to get things into the recycling bins. He credits the waste audit last year for raising awareness.

"We have noticed," Stark said,

"that since the waste audit was performed a year ago, we've probably doubled the amount of recyclable materials that we're picking up."

Stark said containers which were emptied once every two weeks are now emptied two or three times a week. "Slowly but surely we've seen a definite increase."

The waste audit, requested by the Ministry of the Environment, revealed that Conestoga exceeded the reduction guidelines the ministry called for.

The guidelines indicate that the

college should strive for a 25 per cent reduction in waste by 1995, and a 50 per cent reduction in waste by the year 2000.

Stark said the college is currently diverting or recycling over 50 per cent of waste from all campuses. The ministry is realizing recycling started before there was an end user for recyclable products.

Ontario, he said, is now developing industries for recycled products. He also said all waste transported from the college is being used efficiently.

The wet/dry program is being implemented at the Guelph campus this month. This program requires the separation of wet waste, which can be composted, from dry waste. Wet waste must be put in clear bags, and dry in clear blue bags.

This program began in Guelph in November 1995. Stark said this will be a big challenge because the Guelph campus is primarily a trades and apprenticeship school, which means there will be a new group of students in the school every eight weeks.

The biggest problem in the regular recycling system is non-recyclable garbage being placed in the blue bins.

Stark said he would like to see more student involvement in the recycling program.

When students get involved through various associations, the rate of recycling increases because they take notice when other students are involved.

An awareness campaign week would be a great way for students to get involved, Stark added.



### DSA ELECTIONS 1996/97

#### Positions Available

##### President

##### Vice President of Operations

##### Vice President of Student Affairs

#### Nominations

Open from Mon. Jan. 22,  
1996 at 9 a.m. until Thur.  
Feb. 8 at 12 noon.

Nomination forms & information  
packages on these positions can be  
picked up at the DSA Office

## Knowledge is key to training and development success

By Amanda Steffler

Conestoga College's training and development department is keeping busy, thanks to a high demand for knowledge about up-to-date and state-of-the-art computer equipment, said Sandra Schelling, manager of the training and development department at Conestoga.

"Corporate needs are going up," said Schelling during an interview.

The training and development department is a revenue-generating section of the college. It reaches out to corporate clients who wish to update their employees' knowledge in areas such as computer applications, customer service and management skills.

She said many people are interested in computer courses, like upgrading from WordPerfect and Lotus to Microsoft Office, which includes Windows, Word and Excel.

Schelling said she believes the department's success is so great because it is very flexible.

"We meet their needs," said

Schelling. "We offer courses during the day, the evening and on weekends. The classes are short and intensive."

She said the courses available through the training and development department are not fully structured, which allows room to suit the class to individual students.

Schelling said if there is a certain part of a computer program, such as Microsoft Word, that a student needs to know particularly for their job and it is not in the curriculum, the teacher will teach it any way.

The department has recently introduced three new courses into their 1996 winter/spring Conestoga College Guide to training and development.

There is a 10-week, 250-hour introduction to computers course for people on unemployment insurance.

The course includes instruction for DOS hardware, WordPerfect and Windows applications. It will be taught at the Cambridge campus.

Also, there is a 100-hour Mi-

crosoft Office course for people on UIC. It will enable students to update their out-of-date computer skills.

Along with the computer courses, there is a new blueprint reading course available for people on UIC. It is a full-time 25-hour-per-week course that is being taught at the Cambridge and Doon campuses.

Schelling said anyone is allowed to enrol into the large number of courses that are available through the training and development department.

"Someone off the street can take the courses, but it will cost them more money than one of the regular continuing education programs," said Schelling.

She said anyone enrolling into a Canada Employment Centre course should go through Canada Employment.

For any of the other courses, students should register as if it were a regular continuing education course.

There are registration forms available inside the winter/spring guide for 1996.

# CAMPUS NEWS



Jaylene Garcia is the first recipient of the Judy Cooper Memorial Award presented Jan. 12 at the Pinning and Awards Social at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre. (Photo by Amanda Steffler)

## Debut of Judy Cooper Memorial Award

# Nursing students receive traditional graduation pin

By Amanda Steffler

Conestoga College's recreation centre was the venue for the nursing program's Pinning and Awards Social Jan. 12. The event included the first presentation of the Judy Cooper Memorial Award.

An audience of about 500 gathered to see friends and family members receive nursing pins and certificates. Over 100 nursing students were honored.

The social, organized by the health science program, has been held for more than 20 years. It provides an opportunity for the health sciences to present awards to its nursing students.

Lois Gaspar, chair of semesters four, five and six, said years ago students were given the pin as a sort of personal award, hence the name

Pinning and Awards Social. Now, students pay for their pins but they still receive them at the social as a part of tradition.

Each year other individual awards are presented to students who have excelled in various areas of the program.

***"Their friends decided they wanted to do something that was in the spirit of the Coopers."***

Lois Gaspar  
Chair of Nursing Program

This year's event included the debut presentation of the Judy Cooper award. The memorial award is in remembrance of Judy Cooper, a

nurse and resident of Cambridge. Cooper and her husband Ron died in a car accident on Jan. 2, 1994. "Both were very well known in the community," Gaspar said.

Gaspar said friends and family (of the Coopers) decided to establish a memorial fund and a benefit was held at the Hespeler arena in 1994, with some of the proceeds going towards the award.

"Their friends decided they wanted to do something that was in the spirit of the Coopers."

The award was made available to second-year students in third or fourth semester. It was presented by Betty Devenny, a friend of Judy Cooper.

Jaylene Garcia was the winner of the \$200 cash award and is the first student to have her name on the plaque.

## Backlash against gender issues statistics

By Paul Tuns

Anyone who goes into the Learning Resource Centre or any other library is able to find books and magazine articles questioning the validity of statistics regarding violence against women.

Prof. John Fekete of Trent University wrote a book, *Moral Panic: Biopolitics Rising*, where he describes certain phenomenon that he considers disturbing within universities, colleges and society at large when discussing gender-related issues.

Fekete and others, such as the Canadian magazine *Western Report*, *Financial Post* columnist Michael

Coren, and self-described equity feminist Christina Hoff Sommers, have questioned the validity of many statistics.

One such criticism from Sommers and Fekete is of statistics that indicate rape happens to almost half of all women or that sexual harassment is nearly universal.

Fekete said the problems with gender-related issue statistics stem from the studies themselves. They are, he said, poorly corroborated, politically biased, employ non-objective or misleading questions, broad definitions, unrepresentative samples, and definition inflation.

A Conestoga College pamphlet, *Preventing Sexual Assaults in Relationships: A Brochure for Women and Men*, indicates that 25 per cent of women have experienced rape or attempted rape, 84 per cent of rapes are by acquaintances, and 57 per cent of women are raped on dates.

Fekete attacks similar statistics that have appeared on campus literature elsewhere in Canada.

Jack Fletcher, chair of the college's date-acquaintance rape awareness committee, said those statistics are from a brochure originating from the University of Western Ontario. He said Conestoga College does not have sexual as-

sault or rape statistics for the college community available and said the statistics from the brochure were gathered from community groups.

Answering some of Fekete's criticisms of gender-related research, Fletcher said that one "has to look at the total survey picture and find consistencies, and if you do that I think you'll find the stats, at least in this brochure, valid."

Fletcher said he cannot answer for others but said he is concerned with sexual assault and date-acquaintance rape; not because, as Fekete would claim, of political interests, but a genuine interest in solving male-female relationship issues and problems.

"Sexual assault and rape are problems that need to be dealt with," Fletcher said. "There is nothing political about it, at least for me. Who knows, the criticisms could be politically motivated."

Fletcher advised those who have any problems with statistics they find questionable, to examine the methodology of the studies themselves. "It is too easy to make a generalized statement, but if you look at the statistics yourself, you can see if the questions are skewed."

## Letter More about bursary option

Although I appreciate that J.C. White's article (*Conestoga bursary an option for students with financial woes*, Spoke, Jan. 15) has shed some necessary light on the bursary option, I would like to make two corrections.

My partner/boyfriend, was referred to as my husband. We have yet to walk down the aisle, and therefore, I am husbandless.

Perhaps, more important and relevant to the article, I will receive one bursary for each child. Each bursary is for approximately \$645 and that will cover one month of care for our youngest daughter and about eight weeks for our oldest daughter.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to everyone who has put up with me on a weekly basis in the financial aid office. I appreciate everyone's help and understanding.

Thanks,

Tracy Lennon  
ECE Second Year

Make a New Year's resolution  
to get better grades!!

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Revenue Canada T2202 forms and *Education Deduction Certificates* will be mailed via Canada Post electronic mail in late February to the address we have on file.

## ARE YOU GRADUATING?

**Jostens**  
**Photography will be**  
**at Doon Campus**  
**Feb. 5th to 9th,**

**Ask your class rep. to  
schedule your class  
TODAY!**

**Book appointments at  
the DSA Office.**



# CONESTOGA LIFE

## And the winners are . . .



The health sciences department award winners at their graduation on Jan. 12. The winners, front row (l-r), were: Teresa White, Tara Hillis, Tammy Swackhammer, Robin Sorli, Sijla French, Ladonna Ireland, Peter Varga; back row (l-r): Claire Lockton, Daryl Ibbotson, Jillian Brain, Jaylene Garcia, Laura Hergott, Rhonda Heise, Pam Rowsell, Sharon Halloway. (Photo by Jason Witzel)

### Official-Languages Monitor Program

#### Do you want to help teach English or French on a part-time or full-time basis?

You can apply under the Official-Languages Monitor Program to be an English or French-language monitor during the 1996-97 academic year.

If your first language is English, you will help an English as a second language teacher in a school, college, or university usually outside your home province. You will help francophone students learn more about the English language and culture.

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#### Part-Time Monitor

You will work between six and eight hours a week for eight months. You will earn \$3,500. You may also receive a travel allowance for one return trip between your home and host province.

To be eligible, you must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and you must have completed at least one year of post secondary studies by June 1996, or you must have your diplôme d'études collégiales in Québec.

You must be a full-time student for the duration of your monitorship.

#### Full-Time Monitor

You will work 25 hours per week for nine months. You will earn \$11,400 and receive a commuting allowance of up to \$1,080. You may also receive a travel allowance for two return trips between your home and host province as well as a moving allowance of at least \$300.

To be eligible, you must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and have been registered as a full-time student for at least one semester within the last three years. Priority will be given to eligible candidates who have completed two years of post secondary studies or, if you are in Québec, to candidates who have completed one year of university by June 1996.

#### Apply Now!

Go to the career/placement office of your institution to obtain an application package. Send your completed application form to your nearest career/placement centre by **February 15, 1996**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

You can also write to:

Provincial Co-ordinator,  
Official-Languages Monitor Program  
Curriculum and Assessment Team  
16th Floor, Mowat Block, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

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## Hitting the slopes Blue Mountain ski trip is a bargain

By Kean Doherty

For die-hard skiers at Conestoga College, the DSA has the annual Blue Mountain ski trip planned and ready to go on Friday, Jan. 26.

It was not an overwhelming success last year as the DSA had to cancel one of the buses, but they have endeavored to offer an even better deal this year.

Along with a cut to the rates of a number of ski packages, including snowboarding and cross-country skiing, the DSA is offering transportation to Collingwood for \$5.

"The packages are a great bargain," said Nada Swan. "The price of the bus is also unbeatable. You can't drive to Collingwood and back for \$5."

Swan, DSA director of student life, said students should sign up early or the trip may be cancelled.

For those who do not own skis or snowboards, Swan also asks that

students sign up this week at the latest because Blue Mountain needs to know a week in advance.

The bus leaves the Doon campus at 6:30 a.m. on Jan. 26 and returns at approximately 7 p.m.

It's a day ski that runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and there are six packages and a clinic option for beginners:

Package A is ski lift pass only and it costs \$16.

Package B is a beginner lift pass package for \$10.

Package C is a lift pass and ski rentals for \$27.

Package D is beginner lift pass and ski rentals for \$21.

Packages E and F are Snowboard lift passes for \$42 and beginner snowboard lift pass for \$36.

Cross-country ski rentals are available for \$11. The ski clinic is available for \$8.

For more information contact Swan in the DSA office.

## Making students aware of eating disorders

By Jennifer Broomhead

Eating disorders affect at least one in 10 college students, says Barb Kraler, a counsellor with student services and a member of the college's women's resource group.

The group held a special meeting Wednesday, Jan. 10, to discuss plans for Eating Disorder Awareness Week, to be held Feb. 4-10.

Last year the group provided free pamphlets about eating disorders at an information table. The display went over well with students, Kraler said, but this year the WRG wants to expand on past efforts.

Aside from providing information to the college community, the group wants to raise awareness about events in Kitchener-Waterloo that will focus on this year's theme: Celebrating our natural sizes.

At the Doon campus, the group will again be setting up an information table and it will be staffed from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5. Information materials, however, will be available over the entire week.

"This is not just an awareness day," Kraler said. Some of the information will include pamphlets about resources in the community, and information for the

family and friends of someone suffering from an eating disorder.

The WRG has screened a 10-minute video called Mirror, Mirror. The video will run Monday, Feb. 5, near Door 4. It may also be seen in the student lounge later in the week.

Kraler said there is a need to raise awareness about eating disorders at Conestoga, because it is a problem that affects many college students. Eating disorders often develop in young women before they enter college or university, she said.

"There is to some degree a social acceptance of being thin, and for many people it's hard to see the boundaries between what is socially acceptable and a health problem."

Many students may not even realize they could have an eating disorder, she said, and even if they are aware of a problem, they may be embarrassed to seek help.

Students concerned about eating disorders can make an appointment with Student or Health Services. Counsellors provide individual attention to students, but can also refer them to groups in the community.

Kraler said the WRG may look into forming a support group on campus if there is an interest.

## Survey indicates students don't want to butt-out

By Tracy Huffman

Conestoga College students do not favor the idea of phasing out smoking in all buildings, including restaurants and bars in the Waterloo Region, a survey of students around campus last week revealed.

Of the 20 students surveyed, 13 said they do not support the phasing out of smoking and seven said they do.

Waterloo Region is working to eliminate smoking in all buildings, including restaurants and bars.

The plan is to gradually phase out smoking completely in such establishments.

Jeff Isaac, a 21-year-old robotics and automation student, said he doesn't smoke but he thinks phasing out smoking would be bad for local businesses. "I think it's discrimination to some point. I can understand it in the workplace where (non-smokers) have

to be together (with smokers), but a bar is a choice."

Another robotics and automation student, Colin Turnbull, agrees. He said people have the right to choose where to go and in a restaurant there is a choice of smoking and non-smoking sections. Although Turnbull doesn't smoke, he said, "I would travel (to another region) to go out. I would have no choice."

Christine Vansickle, a management studies student, does not agree with the phasing out of smoking. She said it doesn't make much sense. "We can drink in bars, why shouldn't we be able to smoke?"

Although 24-year-old Stephen Hauri is not a regular smoker, he doesn't support the phasing out of smoking in all buildings. "I don't agree with it because even non-smokers tend to smoke when they drink." When asked if he would travel to another region to go out, Hauri laughed and said,

"I'd have to. All my friends would be at home."

Although the majority of students surveyed do not support the phasing out of smoking, 35 per cent of the students do support the idea.

Jason Martin, a materials management student, said he thinks non-smoking restaurants and bars would be cool. "I find when I go into places like that it's difficult to breathe. A lot of places don't have good circulation."

Brian Straus, also a materials management student, agrees with Martin. Phasing out smoking is a good idea, says Straus. He too finds that it is hard to breathe in restaurants and bars.

Jeremy Funk, a 20-year-old materials management student, supports the phasing out of smoking because he said he has trouble talking when he is in smoky places such as bars. Funk said he would prefer to go to bars that were entirely non-smoking.

# CONESTOGA LIFE

## Visa applications hold back international students

By Deborah Everest-Hill

Karen Vanderkruk, the college's international student advisor, says she had hoped more international students would be attending classes this semester.

Out of 14 students accepted to begin classes this month, only two have managed to obtain their visa in time to start. "We accept students as quickly as we can but the time it takes for students to actually get their paperwork is an element we can't control," Vanderkruk said.

She is still waiting to hear from students who have been accepted for the winter semester, but said it is unlikely any of these people will make it on time.

It's not uncommon for students to wait three to four months for a visa, Vanderkruk said. Some countries are more difficult than others.

The test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is another consideration affecting the ability of international students to begin their studies in Ontario.

Vanderkruk said the college

must receive a TOEFL score from each student before acceptance.

"The challenging part is dealing with distance," Vanderkruk said. It's her responsibility to be as quick as possible when corresponding with prospective students.

Despite the obstacles an international student faces getting here, two international students are attending classes this month. One student from Japan has begun classes in the general arts and science language option at the Waterloo campus and another, from

Pakistan, will begin the general business program at Waterloo when he arrives later this month.

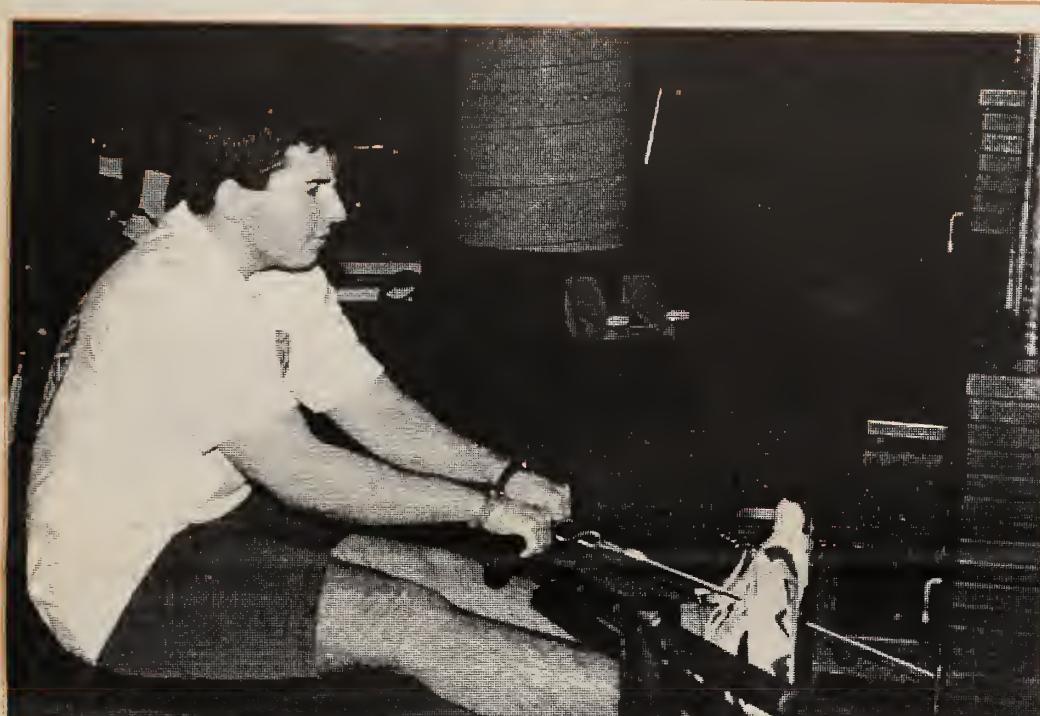
International students represent an important area of education at Conestoga and the college hopes to attract up to 75 students next year. There are now eight international students at the Doon campus from Guyana, Hong Kong, Botswana, South Korea, Japan and Ethiopia.

Attracting students and co-ordinating details is challenging but financially rewarding. With a fee of \$9,215 per student, the college

stands to generate considerable revenue, Vanderkruk said.

There is a variety of reasons why an international student would choose Conestoga in Kitchener: family ties and an interest in living in Ontario are two possible reasons.

The one-year language option enables international students to improve their English skills, prepare for further study and learn a little about Canada. After completing one year at the Waterloo campus, international business students transfer to Doon.



Steve Lawlor, a first-year electrical engineering student at Conestoga, takes advantage of the weight room located in the recreation centre. Such facilities are available free of charge to students.

(Photo by Pete Smith)

### Become a more effective student

## Survey shows students consider exercise is good way to beat stress

By Judith Hemming

Exercise is the ideal study break, says Marilyn Fischer, senior nurse at the Doon campus, in response to the results of an informal survey about exercise habits of students on campus.

In the survey, 11 out of 20 students responded that they do not exercise regularly. Nine said they fit exercise into their weekly schedules.

Fischer said the survey results agree with her understanding of student exercise habits, although she would have expected slightly fewer exercisers in a group of 20.

"I don't think many (students) are motivated to exercise. It's something you have to make yourself do," said Fischer.

Students could be more effective studiers if they used exercise to break up their study time, she said.

She advises students who study for hours at a time to break it up with a walk when they start to feel tired.

"When they come back, they'll

be invigorated and able to carry on. It'll be easier for them to study for the rest of the time than if they had sat there and tried to focus. A change is as good as a rest."

Out of those who did not exercise, nine students said they were too busy. Bob Fillier, a first-year electronic engineering student said, "I had a membership at the YMCA, but I just don't have time to go."

Two students said lack of motivation was the reason they didn't exercise.

Eric Litwiller, an accounting student in his second year, said, "Basically, I'm lazy."

For Jennifer Does, one of the nine who exercise regularly, exercise is a habit. Does, a second-year student in the early childhood education program, figure skates. Matt Kreutzer, a first-year electronic engineering student, also has a regular activity to get him exercising. He plays hockey three to four times a week.

Five of the students said they

exercise to stay in shape or to control their weight. For Kerry Myslik, a second-year accounting student, her motivation is to stay fit. She said she exercises to make herself feel better.

Katherine Jerabk, a nursing student in her sixth semester, said she exercises "for the adrenalin". Jerabk said her activities include snowboarding, volleyball and running.

Bill Ryan, a first-year student in the computer programmer analyst program, said he exercises to burn off stress from school. Fischer said this is one of the best reasons for a person to exercise. Ryan plays basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer.

Fischer advises students looking for affordable exercise to walk.

"That's the best form of exercise and the cheapest." She said she knows it's harder to walk in winter weather conditions and recommends students look at using the campus's recreation centre — a facility, she said, which is under-used.

## Few students really know about board of governors

By Paul Tuns

If an informal survey conducted the week of Jan. 2 with a cross-section of 20 Conestoga students is any indication, few know what the college's board of governors is or does.

The board of governors was established under the authority of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities Act to "establish, name, maintain, conduct, and govern," each college.

According to Guidelines for Governors, a document released annually by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, the board of governors is responsible for the "college management in the broadest corporate sense." This includes duties collectively and individually.

Individually, board members are expected to maintain the college's image and reputation, respect the structure of the administration of the college, develop informed positions on matters before the board, and participate in the collective responsibilities of the board.

Collectively, or corporately, it is responsible for, among other things: the evaluation of the college's direction, mission, operations and effectiveness; the governance of the college (though not the administration), overseeing

the financial integrity of the college, describing the position of the president and the selection and evaluation of the president, publishing information about the college, participating in the bargaining process with faculty and staff union and issuing diplomas and certificates to graduates.

On the more abstract level, the guidelines indicate that the board is also responsible for "the creation of a climate for innovation and progress." It does this by requesting approval for the introduction of new programs of study or new facilities and appointing and maintaining an advisory committee for each program of study.

According to the guidelines, most of the work of the board of governors is done in numerous standing committees. These include administration, operations, property, finance, and academic advisory.

In 1995 there were 16 members on the Conestoga board of governors, not including college president John Tibbits and Kevin Mullan, the college's vice-president of finance.

Governors are appointed and come from the community (Kitchener, Waterloo and Guelph). It usually includes internal members or students, faculty and administration.

## Students set for plunge

By Jennifer Broomhead

Conestoga students are preparing to take a chilly dip in the Doon campus pond to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in the Doon Student Association's annual "polar plunge."

The plunge is planned for noon on Thursday, Feb. 1, part of the college's Winter Warm-Up '96 activities.

Nada Swan, DSA director of student life, said the plunge has been a Conestoga tradition since the 1980s. The concept is simple: participants gather their pledges, then on the day of the event they jump into the pond.

Swan said the plunge is a popular fundraiser. "Students like it because it is out of the ordinary, and it takes a brave soul to do it!"

Last year 39 students participated, raising \$2,600 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Swan said she expects about the same number of participants this year, but said the maximum allowed is 60.

Pledge sheets are available from the DSA office, and should be picked by Monday, Jan. 29.

Participants must also sign a waiver stating they are aware of the risks involved in the event and are entering the event voluntarily.

Swan said the DSA will be awarding prizes to the three participants who raise the most money, and all participants will receive a small token for taking the plunge.

The DSA is looking for volunteers to help out with the event.

# CONESTOGA LIFE

## Just Visiting



Kenneth Sutherland, 15 months, is along for the ride with his mother and some friends at the Doon campus learning resource centre.  
(Photo by Tara Brown)

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## Student exchange Conestoga student gains valuable work experience

By Deborah Everest-Hill

A Conestoga robotics student recommends the Ontario/Baden-WÜrttemburg college student exchange program, despite the expense.

Steve Hauri recently participated in a three month work-term at a participating training firm in Germany and said the experience provided him with an opportunity to travel and improve his German.

Hauri said nothing surprised him because he had been to Germany before but this time he "went into the situation a bit blind" because he did not know what he was going to be doing.

Fortunately everything worked out and he was placed in an industrial engineering position for a kitchen appliance company.

OBW participants are placed in a training firm for a three to four month work-term and they are not guaranteed a salary. Hauri said he is glad his situation turned out to be an exception and he received a pay-cheque.

OBW tries to place students in inexpensive accommodation. Most

students stay in residence apartments where they share a room or a floor with other students. Hauri stayed in an apartment in a house.

Participants in the program should not go for the money, Hauri said. The cost of living in Germany is high and the Canadian dollar is at par with the German mark.

To help offset the cost of the exchange, the provincial government provides students with a \$1,500 allowance.

Being alone in a new country is difficult for the first couple of weeks, Hauri said, but he soon managed to hook up with other students in the village. With an average work week of about 37

hours, there was plenty of time for travel, Hauri said.

Larry Rechsteiner, director of international programs at Conestoga college, said the OBW exchange is particularly important for Conestoga students because of the Germanic background of Kitchener-Waterloo. He said the program is timely because young people today need to learn a global perspective and the exchange provides students with an excellent opportunity.

portunity.

In order to be eligible for the program the student must have some knowledge of the German language, the financial means to participate, and a recommendation by his or her program co-ordinator.

Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact the college student placement office.

The following exchange periods are possible: May to August, September to December, and January to April. It is not too late to make the Feb. 15 application deadline for the May to August exchange period.

The program is co-ordinated by Reiner Frisch of Georgian College in Barrie and the annual limit for participants is 15.

The OBW exchange is a reciprocal program but to date no one from Germany has travelled to the Kitchener area.

Initiatives of the program include technology transfer, business and industrial collaboration, environmental improvement, cultural exchange and advanced education and training.

## Lost and found

## Conestoga College's security frustrated by students lack of care

By Heather Milburn Graham

College security officer Janet Smith says she is unsure whether the reason there are so many items in the Doon campus lost and found is because students don't care about the items or that they don't know where to retrieve them.

"Every night I find at least three disks left in computer labs," said Smith. "During the first week of classes I found 15 disks in one night."

She said there are hundreds of disks in the security office that no

one has bothered to claim. Other lost and found items include text books, keys, clothing and other personal belongings.

In an informal survey, students had mixed feelings about lost and found procedures.

Some students, like Michelle Swift, a first-year early childhood education student, confirmed Smith's suspicions by stating she would not retrieve a lost disk from the lost and found.

"I didn't even know the security office was the place to go to retrieve lost items," Swift said.

Matt Karger, a first-year marketing student, said the college should make lost and found procedures clearer.

"I wouldn't bother retrieving a lost disk," said Karger. "It's a bit of a bother because I don't know where to go and I don't care about a lost disk."

Padro Sousa, a first-year general business student, knows where to look, but said his retrieval of lost articles would depend on what they were.

Students like Krista Ogg, a second-year management studies student, said she knew where to go and would definitely retrieve any lost articles from security personnel.

Smith said so far this year students seem to be taking better care of their belongings. There are not as many items in the lost and found as there has been in previous years.

During the summer, security staff collected bags of personal belongings from lockers that had not been cleaned out at the end of last semester, Smith said.

These belongings, she said, are bagged and tagged with a locker number on them and can be found in a room across the hall from the security office on the main floor of the college. "I'm unsure about the time limit that we have to hang on to these belongings. I would like to only hold on to them for 30 days."

A good way to get rid of unclaimed articles is to send them to the Salvation Army or sell forgotten text books at a used book sale at the end of the year, Smith added.

## DSA Board

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## Directors

## Meeting

Tue. Jan. 23rd

4:30 pm

Room 1B20

# CONESTOGA LIFE

## Christians on Campus club determined to keep group going

By Allison Dempsey

The original leader for the Christians on Campus club may have left Conestoga College, but the relatively new group is determined to continue with its weekly meetings and discussions, according to Conestoga student and founder Carey Ruby.

Although Ruby is not interested in taking over the vacant leadership position right now, he is confident the club can manage without a formal leader for awhile.

"I have talked with the members, and met with some of them, and they are all interested in keeping the group going," said Ruby. "Jim DeMarsh was our original leader and he was great. He had a good sense of humor, but he was only here on campus as a volunteer worker and he has other responsibilities now."

There are about eight regular members and others have indicated

an interest. Ruby said it is difficult to arrange a regular meeting schedule suitable for all timetables. He said he would like to arrange small meetings throughout the week and have one big meeting for all members, maybe once a month.

Ruby said the signs he posted around the school have elicited a positive response and his own church has also been a source of support for him. He said he knew there was a need for a Christian club since students had been inquiring with the DSA and student services about the possibility of starting one.

Ruby said he didn't think there were any other religious groups on campus. This news surprised him because he has heard there are many diverse clubs available at various universities.

Ruby founded the club with the intention of providing a place for students who aren't interested in the bar scene to meet and talk about any

problems or issues they feel need attention. But it is also primarily a Christian group, which makes it "different from other groups," said Ruby. "Things can look pretty hopeless sometimes," he said, "and my belief in God keeps me going. It is an anchor for me."

Although his personal beliefs may be strong and clearly defined, Ruby said religion can be argued from different points, which makes the club an interesting forum for discussion.

"It's good to meet with students from different denominations and discuss certain issues," he said. "We all get to hear and understand different beliefs."

Ruby's not sure in what direction the group is heading, but he said he plans to discuss it with the club members to get their ideas. For now the group will continue to meet Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. in the special needs office.

**Team spirit**

**SIGN UP for INTRAMURALS!**

Amy Olsen volunteers at the intramural sports sign up table in the Doon cafeteria on Jan. 11. Olsen said there was a good response and teams were filling up quickly.

(Photo by Barb Walden)

## Class lessons apply to job

## Early childhood education field placements help students

By Johanna Neufeld

The first week of school is especially busy for Shelly Schenk.

As field placement co-ordinator for the early childhood education program at Conestoga College, she sees many students in the course of a day.

In a recent interview, Schenk said it's a time for students to meet with their supervisor to discuss job placements and school schedules for the upcoming semester. Students spend two days a week working at a day-care centre while the other three are in class training.

Schenk said during the two-year program students have a total of four job placements or one placement each semester. All of the 270 full-time students this semester were placed by Schenk in approximately 75 day-care centres and lab schools in Kitchener-Waterloo,

Cambridge, Guelph and the surrounding area.

Students take what they learn in class and apply it while in their different placements.

Schenk said, "We believe it's really important to have integration of theory and practice it continually throughout the four semesters."

During the first term students are required to work with pre-school children but are encouraged to try different areas such as infants or toddlers in subsequent placements.

Specialization in second year helps students find their strengths and abilities, she said.

"The recommendation to students always is the most variety of experiences that you can get, the better off you're going to be in the long haul."

Schenk and other faculty mem-

bers visit students at their various placements once or twice a semester to see how they're adjusting. Weekly seminars also help workers address any concerns or questions.

Schenk said her job hasn't changed much since it became a full-time position four years ago, but day-care centres have. Peanut butter, for example, is no longer allowed at Doon because many children often have fatal allergic reactions to the food. The safety of the children is very important to them, she said, and that they have to be sensitive and aware of things such as perfume and hair spray that may also affect children.

As for the future of child care, Schenk said people will always need day-care centres as they work or go to school. Times are changing, but early childhood education isn't going to disappear, she said.

## Rangers keep rolling

By Ewa Jankowiak

The Kitchener Rangers Major Jr. "A" hockey club will have a Conestoga College night at the Dom Cardillo Arena on Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. which gives Conestoga hockey fans the chance to see the up-and-coming Rangers in action versus Owen Sound.

The Rangers are anticipating a Memorial Cup bid, and are playing playoff-style hockey to enhance their chances.

The top two teams of three divisions will qualify for cup bids and the Rangers are second in the OHL Central division with 41 points behind the powerful Guelph Storm.

If the Kitchener Rangers win the bid to host the Memorial Cup it will be the first time since 1984.

The Rangers' resurgence is due in large part to the hard work and a big effort from ex-Waterloo Siskins' coach Geoff Ward.

He became the head coach after the Rangers fired coach Joe McDonnel and general manager Joe Crozier in November 1994.

Ward guided the Rangers to their best season since reaching the Memorial Cup final in 1990.

The Rangers have produced many talented players who make a big impact on the team such as goalie David Belitski, right-winger Ryan Pepperall and centre Rob DeCiantis. They have become the core of the Ranger hockey team.

Pepperall was named the Rangers' captain three months ago and was the Toronto Maple Leafs' second selection in the third round of the National Hockey League (NHL) draft at Edmonton's Northland Coliseum in July 1995.

Three other Rangers' players have also been taken in the NHL draft. Left-winger Brian Scott was selected by the Buffalo Sabres and defenceman Paul Traynor and DeCiantis were picked up by the Winnipeg Jets.

The Rangers will also be hosting this year's OHL entry draft which will be held in the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Complex in June.

The Rangers have proven they can compete and their games are worth seeing.

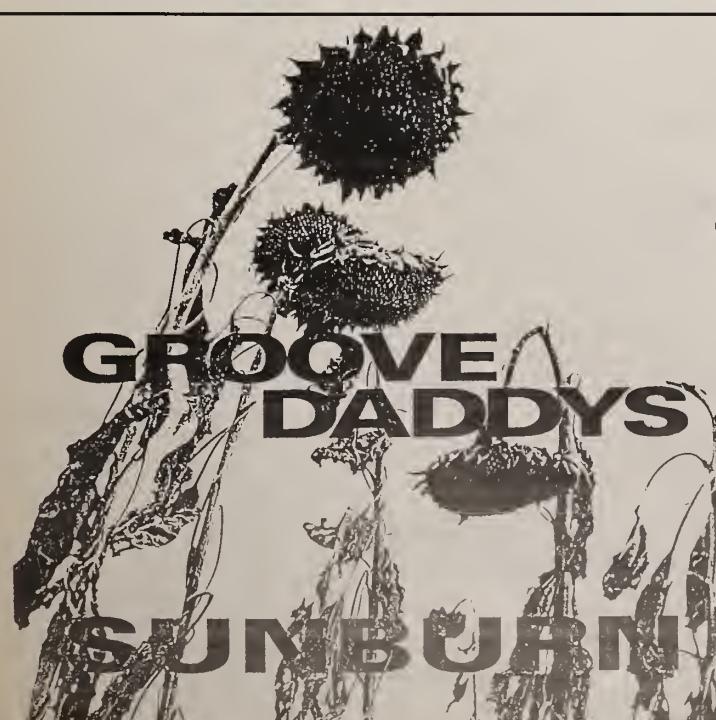
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# CONESTOGA LIFE



Beatrice Foods/Maple Lane Dairy donated two houses on the corner of Breithaupt and Major Streets in Kitchener to Habitat for Humanity Monday. The partnership is on the move. (Photo by Bob Klager)

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## Local dairy gives Habitat for Humanity a boost

*By Robert Klager*

Maple Lane Dairy has helped the Waterloo Region chapter of Habitat for Humanity kick off 1996 on a positive note.

At a brief ceremony held in Kitchener Monday, Jan. 8, representatives from Beatrice Foods/Maple Lane Dairy handed over the keys to two houses they provided to the organization for only \$1.

Habitat for Humanity is an international, non-profit, non-government organization that operates on Christian principles in providing homes for families in need.

It's the first time already existing homes have been donated to the organization in this region, and seems to be the beginning of many firsts for Habitat for Humanity this year, said executive director Pat McLean.

"Beatrice has really set a precedent by providing us with these houses," said McLean. "It's the

first time we'll be actually moving a house, as opposed to building a new one."

Habitat for Humanity has obtained a site for the first house, on Bloomingdale Road near the houses built during the Jimmy Carter Work Project in 1993. It will be moved this spring by a professional moving company, but McLean said there is a lot of preparation work for volunteers both on the house and at the new site.

"I'm really excited about the house move," said McLean. "It fits in really well with our philosophy of recycling and reusing."

Recycling is exactly what the organization has in mind for the second house. McLean said a location hasn't been found, so it will be dismantled and the building supplies will be stored for future building projects.

One confirmed project is the construction of a two-storey home in Cambridge. Announced last July, the project represents several new

ventures for the organization.

"It seems everything this year is new for us," said McLean. The Cambridge house will be the first in the city and the chapter's first two-storey blitz-build — the entire house will be built in one week, from July 22-27.

Families applying for occupancy of any of the organization's homes aren't given a free house.

After a screening process, the family makes a down payment in the form of sweat equity — 500 hours of volunteer labor. They then continue to pay a no-interest mortgage payment geared to their income.

Habitat for Humanity's three projects planned this year head up a campaign to build or restore 24 houses by the year 2000.

"It's going to be a great year for us," McLean said. "We'd really like to surpass our goals."

For further information or volunteer opportunities contact Habitat for Humanity at (519)-571-9164.

## Rodeway takes over vending machines

*By Samantha Craggs*

During the last weeks of December, many Rodeway Suites residents sauntered down to the vending machines with a handful of change to find only a lonely bag of regular chips. Rodeway Suites was emptying the current vending machines, supplied by Versa Foods, to replace them with their own.

Rodeway Suites manager Paul Holowaty said the reason for the vending machines being replaced is because they were only receiving 5 per cent of the sales from Versa Foods, and it is more cost efficient for the residence and the students to replace the machines.

"Versa was looking into raising prices," Holowaty said. "This way we can maintain the prices while making more money ourselves."

Holowaty said he will investigate lowering the prices on selected items. For example, pop will remain \$1 but chips may be lowered to 80 cents.

"We want to protect students from price increases," Holowaty said.

Rodeway did not want to lock into a standard three or four year deal, Holowaty said, so they signed 90 day contracts.

Holowaty said Rodeway has been with Versa for two-and-a-half years and their service has

been outstanding. He says the only machine they have provided that has ever needed repairing was the change machine.

Rodeway is buying four new vending machines from First Choice Vending in Kitchener, and although the change machine will be gone, Holowaty said the residence has to increase revenue, and they can only charge so much for the products and get 5 per cent of the earnings before they have to look for new ways to increase revenue.

The new vending machines are a way the residence can make more money and still charge students the same amount for merchandise.

## Student services always ready to assist new students

*By Linda Yovanovich*

A new semester can be a welcome change with new classes and instructors. For some, though, the

new semester brings worries — academic or otherwise.

For those individuals with such worries, the college's student services can help.

From self-esteem workshops and strategies for student success to peer tutoring and academic appeals, the student services office helps students adjust to a new semester.

Student services counsellor Joan Magazine said in a recent interview, student services is planning self-esteem workshops for the winter semester because the workshops were in demand last semester.

She said last semester 12 people initially came to the workshops, but the number of students who attended the sessions gradually diminished to six.

Magazine said the workshops were a success.

She said the evaluations at the end were very positive.

"This semester," she added, "we're looking forward to new people who didn't come last semester."

Peer tutoring is another service offered by the student services office each semester.

Magazine said the peak time for peer tutoring is usually one month, or earlier, into the new semester.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

A man of many voices

## Gary McGill dazzles students during noon-hour concert

By Amanda Weber

Gary McGill does not appear the hard-rock type who could do an excellent imitation of Billie Joe from Green Day.

In fact, as he stands on the stage in the Sanctuary, he looks like Garth Brooks, right down to the short hair and cowboy boots.

As the student lounge filled for the Jan. 9 nooner, McGill joked with the audience while he set up his gear.

"Welcome to group therapy," he said after his introduction.

The London native, who has been performing music for audiences for 26 years, said he enjoys his job. But McGill, who would not reveal his age, for fear that it would be held against him. He said something drastic would have to be done to find out how old he is.

"If you want to know my age, you will have to cut off one of my legs and count the rings."

One of his first appearances took place when he was just 12 years old. He stood for five minutes in front of 7,000 people at London's Western Fair. "I was a dummy for Frank Fontaine."

One of McGill's first musical gigs was with a band called So What. He said some of the members have gone on to receive Grammys for

their work in the industry. "These guys are great. There's a kind of synergy there. Whenever we were together, there would be no stopping us."

When McGill went on his own, he started playing bass with his feet. He said nobody really cared for it, except the other musicians. "Besides, it doesn't look good when you are sitting on stage."

Now McGill gets all of the background music from the computer.

At the beginning, when it came to singing, McGill couldn't hold a note. His voice did not match the artists whose songs he was singing, so he took an octave lower. As time

went on, though, McGill could sing in the right key and even imitate the voices of the artists.

**"It looked like the Beatles had arrived at Kennedy Airport."**

Gary McGill, musician



Gary McGill, a rock 'n' roll soloist, sets up for a nooner in the Sanctuary on Jan. 9.

(Photo by Heather Milburn Graham)

"There are some voices that I just can't do," McGill said. "And there are others that have a trigger word to get you into it."

When asked about why guitarists close their eyes during solos, McGill said that it's a concentration thing. "It's the same as bungee jumping, you don't stare at the ground when you are jumping."

When McGill realized that a Spoke reporter was there to cover his performance, he said that he felt important. "It looked like the Beatles had arrived at Kennedy Airport."

McGill said he feels the momentum is lost if he does not play what

the audience wants to hear. Sometimes he has a certain set of music that he plays, but if the crowd is not into it, then he feels he is better off playing what they want.

Besides his musical talents, McGill is also an essayist. At the moment he is writing a book entitled *America is not a Hip Room*. The book is about the superior attitudes of some countries.

McGill has released an album entitled, *Alien Resident in Waiting*. He writes most of his own material but also co-wrote some. McGill said he enjoyed his gig at Conestoga and would like to come back.

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>RHYTHM GARDEN NOON in the Sanctuary

## DSA WINTER WARM-UP '96!

## Amanda Marshall breaks stereotypes

By Pat Moules

If you've never bought an album by a Canadian artist, now may be the time to start.

A female singer with a raspy, alto voice is hardly considered a new image for the Canadian music scene, but newcomer Amanda Marshall is not one of your run-of-the-mill singers.

Following in the footsteps of other hard-core Canadian rockers like Sass Jordan, Lee Aaron, Alannah Myles and Alanis Morrisette, Marshall goes beyond the precedence and takes her music to the next level.

Marshall belts out upbeat, finger-snapping, foot-tapping, hard-rocking tunes yet can nurse a sensitive ballad with the sincerity of a recording veteran.

Marshall's self-titled debut release features catchy numbers like Birmingham, Fall From Grace and Let's Get Lost. The opening to the number Birmingham starts with fingers snapping to the song's up-tempo beat. As the second single on the album, it really sets the tone for the rest of the songs.

Producer David Tyson worked with Marshall on the album, recorded in part at the Sony Music Studios in Toronto and released by Epic Records. Tyson even wrote several of the songs.

Marshall, herself, is a contributing writer on two songs, and is the sole composer of Sitting on Top of the World. In that particular number, if the listener closes their eyes, Marshall sounds remarkably like pop goddess Sheryl Crow.

The rawness of Marshall's songs makes the listener appreciate the effort put forth in producing an album. She doesn't use any far out

### music review



**Amanda Marshall**  
CD: Amanda Marshall

gadgets to enhance her sound; rather she resorts to traditional instruments to communicate with her audience. She lets her throaty, seductive voice lead an entourage of saxophones, mandolins, accordions, cellos and violins. Mixed in with bass, electric and acoustic guitars and percussion instruments, including bongos on one song.

Marshall's music has an authentic appeal to it.

So, if you just got a gift certificate for HMV or Sam the Record Man for Christmas and don't know how to use it, Amanda Marshall's self-titled debut album would be a CD that I would highly recommend. Amanda Marshall is a rising star in the Canadian music industry.

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Noon  
in the Sanctuary

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Farinelli is for the senses

By Perry Hagerman

Few movies have the ability to draw attention away from the endlessly entertaining, blockbuster-action movies. But, *Farinelli* can and does.

It is so rich in its sounds and sights that it leaves the viewer feeling as if a multi-course banquet has just been consumed.

*Farinelli* tells the story of a real 17th century operatic singer named Carlo Broschi. His talent was immense. His vocal range was said to encompass three and a half octaves. As to his musical stature, he was the Michael Jackson of his time. He was also a castrati.

The term castrati refers to a male singer who, as a young boy, is castrated in order to preserve the high pitch of his voice.

According to historians, adult castrati were said to have the 'voice of angels'. They speculated that was probably due to the voice having the fresh quality of a child, the high register of a woman and the vocal power of a man.

The story in *Farinelli* follows Carlo (played by Stefano Dionisi)

from the age of about 10 to his early 30s. His elder brother Riccardo (Enrico Lo Verso) is a composer and writes the music to which Carlo sings. It is a bond of mutual dependence which appears destined to break.

But *Farinelli* is not about plot. It is about sound and music and visual stimulation. It is the resurrection of a now-dead art form which, although somewhat distasteful in its methods, gave the world an unnatural but compelling vocal art form.

In a film press release, director Gerard Corbiau said it took two years to produce a soundtrack which would reproduce the castrati voice. Having no modern-day castrati to draw upon, he developed the idea of "morphing" the voice of a male counter-tenor with a female soprano. Much like the visual morphing found in movies like *Terminator 2*, a computer was used to digitally fuse the two voices.

The result can send chills down a spine. Early in the film, the voice is more of a novelty as Carlo sings only pieces composed by Ric-

cardo. The music is almost crass as its sole purpose seems to be only to exhibit the incredible range and flexibility of Carlo's voice.

But towards the end, as Carlo begins singing music by other composers including Handel, the supernatural quality of the castrati truly reveals itself. The movie's closing song is haunting.

Woven around the music is the visual context of the 17th century. Mainly dirty and foul, the day-to-day scenes only serve to further heighten the incredible sights of Carlos performing in costume in opera houses across Europe. These scenes make one pine for the chance to see it on the big screen.

Because *Farinelli* is in Italian, French and English, it is subtitled and destined to be categorized as an art film. Even winning the Golden Globe award for Best Foreign Film did not result in a wide release. Fortunately, it is now available in most video stores.

A hint though, try to play the audio through a stereo and crank the volume during his unforgettable performances.



Stefano Dionisi performs on an operatic stage with the computer-enhanced voice of two people, in the haunting film, *Farinelli*.  
(Photo courtesy of Norstar Distribution)

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## 12 Monkeys a movie for the brain

By Patrick Moore

A movie with a title like *12 Monkeys* just cries for clichés, but I won't use them.

I could say this movie is as fun as a barrel of monkeys, but I won't. I could say *12 Monkeys* is one banana short of a bunch, but you won't catch me doing that.

I'll get down to the review now.

*12 Monkeys* is one of the most visionary, articulate and even awe-inspiring movies I have seen in many a year.

Bruce Willis stars as James Cole, a prisoner serving 25 years-to-life in a futuristic underground prison when he is offered a chance to reduce his sentence, perhaps even earn himself a pardon.

A group of scientists plan to send him back in time to discover the source of a virus that laid waste to the world as we know it. By discov-

ering the source of the virus, Cole can offer the scientists the hope of creating a cure and saving humanity from its underground existence.

During his time-travel adventures, Cole is incarcerated in a mental hospital. There he meets Jeffrey Goines (played by a maniacal Brad Pitt), son of a famous virologist, and Kathryn Railly (played by Madeleine Stowe), a psychiatrist who believes Cole insane.

The true beauty of this film comes from director Terry Gilliam's (*Monty Python's Flying Circus*, *Brazil*) dark visions of our present and especially our future. Bears and lions rule the world, while humans live like worms below the surface of the world they once claimed.

A bald Willis portrays an extremely bewildered and believable convict in James Cole. With a re-

curing nightmare haunting him throughout the movie, Willis conveys the terror and desperate conviction of a man not convinced that anything he is experiencing is real.

Brad Pitt overacts, but his maniacal presence as Jeffrey Goines lends itself well to the world of *12 Monkeys*: a world where even those who are attempting to save the world are mad.

Madeleine Stowe comes across as dedicated and with the right amount of scepticism. Her transformation from suspicion to disbelief to horrible realization is disturbingly real. Her final scene practically oozes pathos.

*12 Monkeys* is worth seeing. The darkness of the scenes are reminiscent of *Seven*, while the tone has an impact that is wholly unique and delightfully chilling. No monkey-business.

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# SPORTS

## Rookie helps fill holes in offence

By Blake Ellis

For any rookie there will always be a time for adjustment to his new team before he begins to put up the kind of numbers fans and coaches want to see.

But for Kitchener native Chris Palubeski, this period was either short or non-existent. Palubeski scored a goal late in the third period to help the Conestoga Condors win 8-3, Jan. 10, against the Sir Sanford Fleming Knights.

In his first appearance with the Condors in the Guelph invitational tournament (Dec. 29-31), Palubeski netted one of two goals scored in the 8-2 defeat against the University of Toronto Blues.

The general arts and sciences student, who had been off from playing hockey for six or seven months, said he can add speed and a good, hard shot to the Condor line-up.

Palubeski is not a stranger to highly competitive hockey. He played with the Junior B Waterloo Siskins and was a member of the



Chris Palubeski is having a great season so far. (Photo by Jason Romanko)

Grand River Renegades. He was with them when they went to the 1994 Ontario High school championships.

The Condors have welcomed him and he said he doesn't think team

chemistry is a problem.

Palubeski said he won't have to make many adjustments to the way he plays the game under Condors head coach, Tony Martindale.

Palubeski said Martindale's coaching style is pretty straightforward. "He knows what he's talking about."

Palubeski also credits his uncles, who worked with him to develop his play when he was young.

Other additions that came to the Condors after Christmas are Brent Cullaton and Dave Henry. Martindale hoped that along with Palubeski, they would add some offensive punch to his team.

Cullaton didn't play in the game against Fleming because he is heading to the farm team of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. He will be spending a week with the Columbus, Ohio club of the East Coast League on a try-out basis.

The Condors can be happy with Palubeski's impact on the team's offence in the Condors' bid for a national championship.

## Broken finger sidelines Steubing

### Top Condors goalie misses all-star game

By Blake Ellis

Conestoga Condors top goalie was in the net taking shots from his all-star teammates during the pre-game practice Jan. 6 when "it" happened.

One of the players took a shot when Devin Steubing wasn't ready. As a puck rocketed at his shoulder he instinctively put his left arm up to block it. The puck hit the back of his glove where the padding had worn away and broke his finger.

Conestoga head coach Tony Martindale said it was the worst break that could have happened because two pins had to be inserted in the injured finger.

Not being able to play in the all-star game "was my biggest hang

up," Steubing said. "It was the first time I got any recognition." He said he sat in the waiting room waiting to be treated and wondering about the score of the game.

Martindale said it didn't sting any more than they had lost Steubing in the all-star game, rather than league play. "I don't look at it that way," said Martindale.

A player could injure himself falling off the curb or in practice. It will be tough for the team losing its top goalie. Morale on the team might suffer if it is taken negatively," the coach said.

The team's fate isn't sealed with the loss of Steubing but the team is fortunate Steubing alternated duties during the first half of the season with Chris Marshall, who was

between the pipes in the Condors 8-3 victory against the Sir Sanford Fleming Knights on Jan. 10.

The Condors are also fortunate to have a third goalie, Rob Taylor, but Martindale doesn't know to what extent Taylor will play until Steubing's return.

Taylor has done well for the team whenever he has been in the net, but it is not known whether he and Marshall will be alternating duties.

Steubing will have his cast removed Feb. 1, and after the X-rays are done, he will have a better idea when he can return to the Condors, hopefully by late February.

His left arm won't be getting much exercise so Steubing plans to condition it by working on bicep curls.

### Conestoga Statistics

Name	G	A	P	PIM
Evan Anderson	8	14	22	14
Dwayne Kropf	9	6	15	6
Brian Park	3	9	12	14
Joel Waskurak	3	8	11	17
Terry Lammens	3	5	8	0
Jason Romanko	0	8	8	32
Jamie Parsons	4	2	6	8
Graig Elliot	3	2	5	18
Dale Henry	0	5	5	7
Conal Vaughn	2	1	3	12
Steve Lemieux	1	1	2	16
Jason Wadel	2	2	4	16
Rob Thibeault	1	3	4	8
Wade Gowers	1	1	2	0
Mark Calder	1	1	2	0
Dion Stroud	1	0	1	0
Russ Morningstar	0	1	1	26
Rich Duench	1	0	1	0
Craig Rintoul	0	1	1	2
Jeff White	0	1	1	4
Chris Palubeski	1	1	2	0
Graeme White	0	0	0	6
Devin Steubing	0	1	1	6
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Devin Steubing	17		4.91	
Chris Marshall	15		4.50	

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## SPORTS

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## Scoring outburst spurs Condors

By Kean Doherty

The Condors hockey team scored three goals in 30 seconds during a third-period outburst en route to an 8-3 blowout of the Sir Sandford Fleming Knights in OCAA action Jan. 10 at the Hunter Recreation Centre.

Joel Washkurak started the onslaught at 15:05 of the third and Dwayne Kropf finished it at 14:35. Evan Anderson struck for the other goal eight seconds before Kropf's marker.

The final score was not indicative of the tempo of the game as Condors' back-up goalie Chris Marshall foiled Fleming shooters time and again. Marshall made several good stops from close range in the first period and was only beaten once after a Condors' turnover in the neutral zone.

The second period went much the same way with Marshall again being tested from close in. However, he shut the door long enough for Jamie Parsons and Craig Elliot to beat an equally hot Chad Vandam

in the Fleming goal.

Upset with his team's play to that point, Condors coach Tony Martindale said he expressed his displeasure in the dressing room between periods. "I told them I wasn't happy and that they weren't doing the little things right. In a tight game like that one anything could happen; we were just fortunate enough to get a couple bounces and some great goaltending."

Martindale's speech must have worked as Elliot scored his second of the game on a goal mouth scramble 17 seconds into the third. Five minutes and three goals later, Vandam was lifted in favor of back-up goalie Jamie Ford.

The teams traded goals throughout the remainder of the game with Brian Park, who also added three assists, and Chris Palubeskie scoring between goals by Fleming's Chad Mullen and Trevor Wilson.

After the game, Martindale praised the work of Park's line, giving credit to Park and Elliot for sparking the offence with big hits and key goals.

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Fleming Knight defenceman Sean Hickey (7) dumps Jamie Parsons (24) as Knight goalie Chad Van Dam waits for a shot, in a game played Jan. 10, at the Kenneth Hunter Recreation Centre. Conestoga won 8-3.

Photo by Kean Doherty

## Condors Corner

## Southern fried hockey — mm-mm good

By Kean Doherty

Every once in a while an odd tidbit of news crosses my desk and I am compelled to follow a lead, sometimes to the unlikeliest of places.

In this case the paper trail landed in Charlotte, N.C., home to the league offices of the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL).

I called there to scour for information about the league because a Condors player, Brent Cullaton, is on a try-out basis with one of the ECHL's affiliate franchises, the Columbus Chill.

I was sent a 12-page fax and to tell the truth, I was astounded and extremely curious.

To hockey purists in the Great White North, the ECHL might seem like the kind of league that is termed "bush" because it's minor league and played in non-traditional hockey cities.

Heck, there is even a franchise

called the Chiefs. To the uninitiated, this name conjures up images of Paul Newman and the Hanson brothers and the movie Slapshot.

The league, however, doesn't look like it would allow its star players to play with dinky cars in their spare time or skate naked on the ice to impress their peers.

In fact, the ECHL boasts 21 teams in such out-of-the-way places as Mobile, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla., and had an average attendance of over 5,300 fans last year.

Mobile? Tallahassee? These are supposed to be vacation hotspots for the Geritol set and homes to gargantuan college football teams with budgets larger than that of certain Canadian provinces.

But wait — it gets better.

The league expects to expand to 23 teams and has gone to great lengths to garner parent NHL clubs and have their merchandise sold at NHL venues.

It also employs a strict salary cap, has kept its average ticket price at a bargain \$7 and has agreements with SportsChannel and Sports South for television coverage.

One might say "who cares?"

Well for one, maybe Brent Cullaton, who may get a chance to experience hockey — Louisiana-style.

Hockey people in Canada, too, should care.

What this upstart league brings to the doubting-Thomases in Kapuskasing and Kenora is a grassroots, financially sound foray into untapped sports markets that are used to seeing slower, more confusing contact sports like football.

The hockey may not be as fast or as slickly-packaged as the NHL but it is affordable and accessible.

And with team names like IceGators, Lizard Kings and River Frogs, who can doubt its originality?

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